

OPEN MEETING AGENDA ITEM



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Re: Tucson Electric Power Company Rate Case, Docket No. E-01933A-19-0028.

Dear Commissioners,

I am again writing to provide comments regarding the ongoing Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP) rate case, Docket Number E-01933A-19-0028. On February 27, 2020, I submitted a letter to the Commission detailing how TEP's decision to prematurely close Navajo Generating Station (NGS) caused severe economic impacts to the Hopi Tribe; in that communication I also described TEP's responsibility to aid coal-communities as they now transition to a new economy.

I write you now to support Commissioner Sandra Kennedy's Proposed Amendment No. 1 that would hold open Docket E-01933A-19-0028 and begin a Phase Two proceeding. It is critical that coal-impacted communities such as the Hopi Tribe are afforded this opportunity to specifically address the impacts of coal plant closures and provided a platform through which the much-needed just and equitable transition can be structured.

This move is necessary and urgent. The Hopi Tribe is faced with a greater than 80% budgetary shortfall due to coal-tied curtailments, and other coal-communities are experiencing further economic hardships. Our communities cannot wait for a generic docket to be opened in this regard in the unspecified future. This issue is impacting the Hopi Tribe and others *today*, and this docket must accordingly be held open so that Commissioners may gather relevant input and facilitate a solution without further delay.

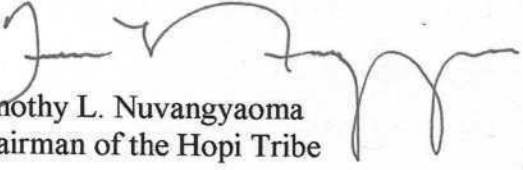
I urge the Commission to vote in favor of Commissioner Kennedy's Proposed Amendment No. 1. If approved, the Hopi Tribe would use the opportunity to meaningfully participate in the resulting administrative process through formal intervention.

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I appreciate this opportunity to provide these comments. I hope I have helped the Commission appreciate the significance of the Proposed Amendment No. 1.

Sincerely,



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